

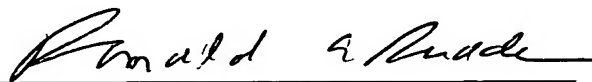
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2005 indicating that this case was in a condition for Allowance except for the matter of the oath being missing from the file, submitted herewith is a Declaration executed by the inventors.

Consequently, in light of the above discussions, the application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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